

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

1. (Currently Amended): A system configured to facilitate the transmission of messages from a seller to a supplier comprising:

a ~~plurality of~~ seller application[[s]] operable to store end-purchaser information and to populate a message with the end-purchaser information ~~wherein each one of the plurality of seller applications accesses the information through a different interface at the premises of the seller;~~

a supplier application;

a web application coupled to the supplier application and operable to accept user input containing one or more portions of the message; and

a proxy application coupled between the seller application and the supplier application,

wherein the proxy application is configured to:

translate the message from a format used by the seller application to a format used by the supplier application,

encrypt/decrypt and transmit [[data]] the message from the ~~plurality of~~ seller application[[s]] to the supplier application,

report, to at least one of the supplier application and the seller application, an aggregate of transactions performed by a seller during a specified time period,

update communication software to communicate between the seller application and the supplier application.

2. (Currently Amended): The system of claim 1 wherein ~~at least one of~~ the seller application[[s]] is a web services application.

3. (Currently Amended): The system of claim 1 wherein the proxy application is configured to facilitate transmitting [[data]] the message using SOAP and HTTP between the ~~plurality of~~ seller application[[s]] and the supplier application.

4. (Currently Amended): The system of claim 1 wherein the supplier application is configured to facilitate exchanging information with ~~at least one of~~ the seller application[[s]] and the supplier application.

5. (Original): The system of claim 1 wherein the proxy application facilitates transmitting information using an XML.

6. (Original): The system of claim 5 wherein the XML format is a SOAP message conforming to the WSDL.

7. (Original): The system of claim 1 wherein the system facilitates transmitting information related to the sale of travelers checks.

8. (Original): The system of claim 1 wherein the system facilitates transmitting information related to the sale of prepaid services.

9. (Currently Amended): A method for facilitating the transmission of messages from a seller to a supplier comprising the steps of:

storing, by a seller application, end-purchaser information and  
populating, by the seller application, a message with the end-purchaser  
information; wherein each one of the plurality of seller applications accesses the  
information through a different interface at the premises of the seller;  
accepting, by a web application, user input containing one or more portions  
of the message; [[and]]  
translating, by a proxy application, the message from a format used by the  
seller application to a format used by a supplier application;  
encrypting/decrypting and transmitting, by the proxy application, [[data]]  
the message from [[a]] the seller application to [[a]] the supplier application;  
reporting, by the proxy application, to at least one of the supplier  
application and the seller application, an aggregate of transactions performed by a seller  
during a specified time period; and  
updating, by the proxy application, communication software to  
communicate between the seller application and the supplier application.

10. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 9 wherein ~~at least one of~~ the seller application[[s]] is a web services application.

11. (Currently Amended): The system of claim 9, further comprising the step of transmitting data using SOAP and HTTP between the ~~plurality of~~ seller application[[s]] and the supplier application.

12. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 9, further comprising the step of exchanging information with ~~at least one of~~ the seller application[[s]] and the supplier application.

13. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 9, further comprising transmitting information using an XML.

14. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 13 wherein the XML format is a SOAP message conforming to the WSDL.

15. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 9, further comprising the step of: transmitting information related to the sale of travelers checks.

16. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 9, further comprising the step of transmitting information related to the sale of prepaid services.